

## THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1909.

## WILL THERE BE A STRIKE?

The leading demands of the mine workers are that the Union shall be recognized by the operators, and that they shall be paid increased wages for a shorter day.

The operators have issued a statement in which they refuse to concede any of these demands. They say in part: "At various times the operators have stated their reasons for not entering into a contract with the United Mine Workers of America. This question was the subject of exhaustive study by the Strike Commission, which positively declined to grant the demand for such a contract. Anyone who reads the pages of the official report devoted to a discussion of the demand for 'recognition' will be fully convinced that it would not be for the best interests of the public, of the operators or even of the mine workers themselves, for the United Mine Workers of America to be recognized as a party to a contract governing the relations between employers and employees in the anthracite region."

On Page 65 of its record, for example, the Strike Commission, after criticizing certain policies of the union, made this general statement: "The present constitution of the United Mine Workers of America does not present the most inviting inducements to the operators to enter into contractual relations with it."

The operators have stood in the past, and they stand now, for the "open shop." They will treat union and non-union men alike. They will exercise no discrimination against or in favor of any man because of his membership or non-membership in any labor organization.

As to the demands for increased wages and a shorter working day, it is absolutely impossible to grant them without increasing the price of coal to the consumers. This the operators will not consent to do nor will they even consider it.

Under a strict application of economic law the present condition of business would compel a reduction instead of an increase in wages, the natural consequence being a fall in the price of coal. Among the operators there was a strong feeling that such a reduction of wages should be put into effect; but, for the sake of stability in the anthracite industry—from unwillingness to disturb an agreement which has brought peace—it was decided to offer a renewal of the present agreement.

## MINERS HIGHLY PAID.

With the industries of the country in their present state, the anthracite mine workers are very fortunate to have such an agreement under which to work. If either side should be eager to renew it, it is not the operators but the mine workers. For it is undeniably a fact that the employees of the anthracite mining companies, compared with other wage earners of whom equal skill and training are required are highly paid.

Not only are their minimum earnings fixed at a high level, but they are assured by the sliding scale arrangement of a one per cent. increase in earnings for every increase of five cents above \$4.50 per ton in the price of domestic sizes of anthracite at tidewater. As the price averaged around \$4.85 last year, the mine workers earnings were seven per cent. above the minimum fixed by the strike commission.

## THE OTHER SIDE.

A general tie-up of all coal mines, anthracite and bituminous, in the United States in April, 1910, is the rumour held in reserve by the miners, who have been embittered by the refusal of the coal operators to grant any concessions whatever in the three Pennsylvania anthracite districts.

It is a fact that all bituminous agreements expire on March 31.

## How's This?

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## GROOMING COUNTS

But it cannot make a Fair Skin or a Glossy Coat.



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## Lane's Family Medicine

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1910, which makes the leaders of the Pennsylvania miners feel confident of winning out in going into convention on March 23 at Scranton to consider the ultimatum of the hard coal operators.

The call for the Scranton convention of the three Pennsylvania anthracite districts was issued Saturday, and while the miners' leaders, with very few exceptions, were not given to strike talk, they denied that their position is as weak as might be supposed. They admitted frankly that the Pennsylvania situation at this time is against the miners, that the unions are not as strong as they ought to be, that trade conditions are not as favorable as might be wished and that in a general way the operators appear to hold a very strong position this year.

But, while making all these admissions, the leaders predicted that if the operators intended to take advantage for three full years of the miners' present predicament, they will find themselves reckoning without their host. They say that the spring of 1910 will turn the tables on the operators entirely in case the Scranton convention declines to accept the operators' ultimatum. In that case, the majority of the leaders are opposed to ordering a strike and favor to let the men remain at work without agreement with the operators.

Then when the Spring of 1910 is reached the 370,000 United Mine Workers of America will all be released from contracts, may all make common cause in presenting their demands, may shut off the entire coal supply of the country and in a short battle reach favorable conclusions.

## INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC.

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## Judge Evans and the Montour Constables.

While holding court in Danville last week Judge C. C. Evans, in hearing the reports of the constables from the different districts called them all before him, requested them to stand in a row and asked each in turn whether he had complied with the act of assembly by visiting each licensed place at least once a month since the last term of court, and noting whether or not there had been any violation of law. Most of the constables were not sure they had made monthly visits. Judge Evans rebuked those who had failed to live up to the letter of the law.

Proceeding, the Judge said: "It is strange that reports of violations of the liquor law in the wards and townships of Montour county continually come to me at my home in Berwick, and that you constables, who are on the ground, should know nothing about such violations." He stated that he was constrained to believe that liquor is being sold every Sunday in Danville.

One of the constables told the court that those who were in possession of incriminating evidence against the saloon keepers refused to testify. Replying, Judge Evans instructed the constables to take the names of any persons in possession of evidence and hand them to the court, and they would be compelled to tell all they knew, willingly or unwillingly.

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## Find \$15,000 Shortage.

Missing Tax Collector's Accounts Examined at Berwick.

An examination of the accounts of Tax Collector John Sutton, of Berwick, who has been missing for three weeks, indicates a shortage of about \$15,000. The examination was made by Borough Solicitor Alex. C. Jackson and J. G. Jayne, and most of the shortage is in the tax collection for 1908.

Sutton disappeared three weeks ago and was last seen in Wilkes-Barre. Since then nothing has been learned of his whereabouts.

## Petitions For State Road.

The petitions for state road recommended several months ago by Council were presented at the Commissioners' office last Thursday by Solicitor John G. Harman and Mayor James H. Coleman. Action on the same by the Commissioners will be taken in the near future.

One petition asks for a state road from the Town Hall along the properties of J. L. Dillon, Normal School and Davis Bros. to what is known as "Turkey Hill," at the Scott township line, a distance of 6100 feet.

The other starts at a point in front of the Town Hall, and goes out East Seventh up the Berwick road to the Scott township line, a distance of 7500 feet.

## Many Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y. 2-18-41.

## Signed by the Governor.

Governor Stuart has approved these bills:

Appropriating \$75,000 to cover a deficiency to pay the tuition in State Normal Schools.

Authorizing counties, cities, towns, boroughs and other municipal divisions to appropriate money and convey land for armories.

Providing for the appointment of a Commission to act with New York and New Jersey Commissions in ascertaining the cost of acquiring toll bridges across the Delaware River.

## Card Signs For Sale.

The following printed card signs are kept in stock at the COLUMBIAN OFFICE:

No Admittance.  
For Sale.  
This Property for Sale.  
This Property for Rent.  
This Room for Rent.  
Post No Bills.  
Keep off the Grass, and others.  
Window Cards, Step Cards, Trolley Advertising Cards, and Card Signs of any kind, up to 22 by 28 inches in size, white or colors, printed on short notice. tf.

## Election in M. E. Church.

A meeting of the official board of the M. E. church was held in the library room of the church last Thursday evening when the following officers were elected: Secretary, C. H. Kline; Treasurer, L. N. Moyer. The pastor by reason of his position is president of the board. A number of matters relative to the year's work were taken up and acted upon.

## Sheriff's Sales.

At a Sheriff's sale held at the Court House on Saturday afternoon a tract of farm and wood land situate in Jackson township, was sold to Charles Sickels, the plaintiff in the writ for \$905. The house and lot of Stanley Whitmire, situate in Briar Creek township, was sold to Alex. C. Jackson, attorney, for \$700.

## Hand Injured.

While working in the tapestry department of the Magee Carpet Mill last Saturday, Edward Girton had his hand caught in the loom, and two wires ran through it before he could extricate it.

## Raising Pigeons.

Millard Ent, son of Sheriff C. B. Ent, is engaged extensively in raising pigeons. He has shipped away one hundred and twenty-five during the winter.

Charles E. Rice, Jr. son of Judge Rice, President Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, and a former resident of Bloomsburg, has been appointed an assistant in the office of District Attorney Jerome, of New York city.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Court House in the Sheriff's Office, in the Town of Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1909, at 2 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate:

All that certain piece, parcel and tract of land situate in the township of Sagamore, county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a post on the line of land between Mary A. Meeker and land of J. P. Fritz, thence south nine and one-half degrees west thirty-four rods to a post; thence by land of J. P. Fritz south thirty-six degrees, east six and one-half rods to a post; thence north seventy-three degrees, east seven and eight-tenths rods to a stone; thence north three degrees west thirty-four rods to a stone; thence north eighty degrees west nine and one-tenth rods to the place of beginning, containing

TWO ACRES AND EIGHTY RODS

of land be the same more or less.

It being the same premises which Mary A. Meeker and husband by deed dated September 1, 1900, and recorded in the Recorder's Office at Bloomsburg, Pa. conveyed unto the Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Company, and whereon is erected a

LARGE FRAME BUILDING for use as a copper smelter, together with fixtures and machinery therein contained consisting of engine, boiler and copper smelting machinery.

Seized, taken in execution at the suit of M. F. Shoemaker and others vs. The Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Company, and at the suit of William Faulds vs. the Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Company, of Central, Pa., and to be sold as the property of the Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Company.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff.

WILLIAM CHRISMAN, Attorney.

J. H. MAIZE, Attorney.

3-11-31

## AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Administrator of Daniel J. Sullivan late of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Penna. deceased, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will sit to discharge the duties of his appointment, at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Friday, April 2nd, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day when and where all parties interested or having claims against said estate, must appear and present the same, or be forever debarred from sharing in said fund.

JOHN G. FREEZE, Auditor.

March 9, 1909. t. a.

## AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Please take notice that the undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Executor of William L. Hirlinger, late of said county, deceased, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will sit to discharge the duties of his appointment, at the office of Fred Ikeler Esq., in the First National Bank building in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Wednesday, March 31st, 1909, at two o'clock P. M., when and where all parties interested or having claims against said estate, must appear and present the same, or be forever prevented from sharing in said fund.

FRANK IKELER, Auditor.

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